

REMARKS

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. The amendments are made without disclaimer or prejudice to pursuing any deleted subject matter in a continuing application.

1. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-38 stand pending and are subject to a restriction requirement.

After entry of the above amendments, Applicants have introduced new claim 39. The new claim is supported at least for example by the original claims. Applicants have also canceled claims placed in Group II (*i.e.*, claims 9-20, and 33-38). The cancellation of these claims is done without prejudice of or disclaimer to the claimed subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the canceled claims.

2. Restriction Requirement

The Office restricted claims 1-38 in to one of the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-8, and 21-32, drawn to a method of manufacturing a plant finished product and products including plant finished product; or

Group II: claims 9-20, and 33-38, drawn to a plant finished product and products including plant finished product.

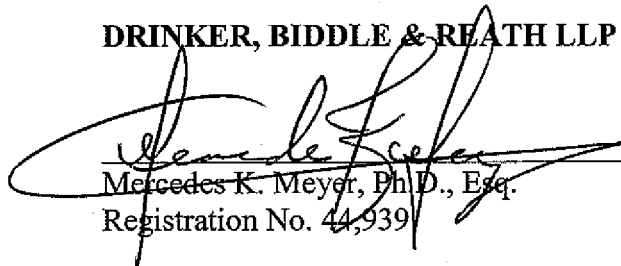
Applicants elect **Group 1**, claims 1-8, and 21-32, **without traverse**. Applicants do note for the record that restriction requirements are not mandatory. No evidence or explanation of why examination of all the claims would be a serious burden was presented in the Office Action to support the necessity of restricting the claims.

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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